

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday February 19, 2008 at the Town Hall. Council President Lou Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm with Councilpersons, John Sullivan, Jeffrey Swoger, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Attorney Mindel in attendance. Lou Roberts opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lorelei Weimer of the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission presented an up-date on the bureau and a request for the Town Council to pass a resolution supporting the PCCRVC "to resist merger with the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau and to continue its effective marketing and promotion of the unique venues and attractions of Porter County while seeking partnering opportunities for collaborative efforts with other visitor bureaus to promote regional efforts at advancing the visitor and tourism industry."

John Sullivan moved to approve the resolution. Jeffrey Swoger seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Sullivan moved that the minutes for the January 15, 2008 council meeting be approved as presented. Jeffrey Swoger seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF January 31, 2008:**

Porter Bank – Checking	\$254855.31
Chase Bank – Savings	\$138421.51
Record Balance	\$393276.82

John Sullivan moved that the financial report be accepted. Jeffrey Swoger seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Jeffrey Swoger moved the claims for February in the amount of \$34,628.33 be approved. John Sullivan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County – 2006 Annual Report/Workshop Schedules and 2008 Calendar  
Porter County League of Council notification of time change on the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Porter Volunteer Fire Department – Dune Acres 2007 Annual Report  
Anton Insurance – Insurance Binder

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**FIRE:** John Sullivan for Mark Bapst

Mark has up-dated a Town map for emergency vehicles entering the Town. There is a question about the placement of the fire hydrant at the Club House – this needs to be looked into.

**ROADS:** Mark Hull

Mark informed the Town Council of the lack of salt to be purchased. At present a mixture of sand and salt is being applied to the roads. With the volume of snow we have had this winter salt is unavailable anywhere. He was not sure at the time how much salt was left for our use, but the quantity is low. The alternative is road sand which Mark will inspect for harmful free particles.

He mentioned the water problem at the Town Hall parking lot and turning the sand storage site at the Club House into a parking lot. Jeffrey Swoger asked that Mark put together a proposal of repairs for each site. He

also said he needs to purchase some orange cones.

**ENGINEER: Irv Call**

The meters at the pump house failed in January. He called Xorco of Portage out to help reset. The equipment worked but the indicators didn't. He said the town needs to look into moving the fire hydrant at the Club House. It was suggested he go through Mark concerning this. Irv requested an automated gate at Club House Drive. He was told to present a proposal to the Town Council.

**BEACH:**

The question of whether or not to apply for the water testing grant was presented. All the data received is always a day late, too late to put up beach warnings. It was decided to forgo it this year and then readdress it next year.

**CLUB HOUSE COORDINATOR: Rick Demkovich**

Due to the bad weather and Vic being out on business, there is no up-date on the Club House renovation. The back double doors need repair. There is a leak at the back entrance.

**MAINTENANCE: Dick Taylor**

Dick Taylor is developing a schedule for the maintenance worker. He is evaluating whether to repair the mower or replace it. The work order forms are ready and he will give them to Jeffrey this weekend.

**POLICE: Cecilia Call**

Security officer Diane Bartley has had some set backs and will not be returning until March 17. Wayne Belsha is doing well since his injury, but will probably go through physical therapy after a splint is removed. Cecilia once again requested a separate vehicle for the security officers. The council asked for a proposal to be presented at the next meeting.

**ENVIRONMENT:**

They are planning a meeting for March 15.

**WATER: Ben Bolton**

They have completed the directional boring at Ridge and Crest. They are doing a bacterial test from Ridge to Crest. There should be a service connection on Thursday or Friday at Crest. IAWC is suppose to notify the security officers when there is a water shut-off and the security officers will advise the phone committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jeffrey Swoger said the council did solicit insurance proposals from several different insurance providers. Their final decision was to continue with Anton Insurance as the town insurance provider. Jim Anton presented Anton's proposal. He saved the town \$800 by going with Argonaut Insurance Company rather than continue with Bliss McKnight.

John Sullivan moved to renew insurance coverage with Anton Insurance with a rewrite for Argonaut. Jeffrey Swoger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

John Sullivan moved to authorize the Town Council to direct the Commission For Enforcement of Building Standards to discuss the Dalal property. Jeffrey Swoger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Lou Roberts reported that the new phone books are at the printers.

Rick Demkovich gave the DACIFI Annual Report. Said they are looking at moving the flag pole in front of

Town Hall & possibly adding lighting. They are still looking at tennis court repairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.